

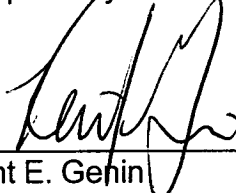
REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 16, 2005, the Examiner alleges that claims 63-76 represent a first species and that claims 77-81 represent a second species of a method of forming a catheter. Applicant elects species II (claims 77-81) with traverse on the grounds that these two alleged species are readily searchable together.

Applicant has also amended dependent claims 64-69 and 72-73 to depend from elected independent claim 77 such that claims 64-75, as well as claims 78-81, now depend from claim 77. Additionally, Applicant has amended claim 73 to further clarify that only one of a radiopaque or ultrasonically reflective material is required.

No new matter has been added. With the above amendment and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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